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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) Divisions are continuing to widen in the rebel camp.

They are complicating the effort of the special OAS committee to secure agreement among non-Communist rebel leaders on a new provisional president who would also be acceptable to other Dominican groups. Although prominent rebel leaders had informally given assurances that Hector Garcia Godoy would be acceptable in such a role, the OAS committee found considerable resistance to him when it met with the rebel negotiating team on 1 July. The committee has now reportedly turned to consideration of a prominent physician, Dr. Felix Goico, as a possible interim president.

Among the extremists in the rebel camp bitter divisions are growing over the basic issue of whether or not to accept a negotiated solution at all. [An intransigent faction of the pro-Castro 14th of June Political Group (APCJ) is now circulating a flysheet in rebel territory strongly protesting the Caamano government's expressed willingness to negotiate. This faction thus joins an extremist-controlled labor group and the pro-Peruvian Dominican Popular Movement (MPD) in urging a continuation of the fight. The Moscow-oriented Communist party and the other faction of the APCJ, on the other hand, continue to support negotiations.]

The hard-line factions are presumably responsible for the continuing sporadic unrest in the interior. There was a rebel attack on a police post in a small town in the eastern part of the country early yesterday morning. Two policemen were killed and three were wounded by a band of rebels armed with machine guns and rifles.

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Greece: [Prime Minister Papandreou's efforts to prevent disclosure of his son's covert left-of-center activity could further inflame political passions in Greece.]

[Papandreou has told the US chargé that he intends to remove Defense Minister Garoufalias and assume the portfolio himself. He says he is unable to tolerate any longer a man who is a tool of the palace]

25X1 [] his purpose is to suppress information concerning the involvement of his son Andreas, who is alternate minister of coordination in the cabinet, with ASPIDA, a covert political group within the army]

[Papandreou's decision reportedly was triggered by the willingness of several arrested members of ASPIDA to disclose all they know about the organization.]

[Removal of Garoufalias, a member of the conservative wing of the governing Center Union, would cause apprehension in right-wing circles in the army, the government, and in the main opposition party which is right of center. Rightist elements within the armed forces may step up their contingency coup plotting.]

[The action might also hasten a confrontation between Papandreou and King Constantine, who is already disturbed by the involvement of the army in politics and by Papandreou's previously reported intention to replace the right-wing army chief of staff. Papandreou is scheduled to meet with the King in Corfu upon the birth of an heir to the Greek throne, which is expected shortly.]

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Malawi: [Plotting against the authoritarian regime of pro-Western Prime Minister Banda continues. Reports give varying dates for an assassination attempt against Banda; according to the latest report, dissidents plan to act during the anniversary celebrations of Malawi's independence on 5 and 6 July. Since the collapse of the guerrilla effort during the spring and the departure of their leader, Henry Chipembere, to the US for medical treatment, the dissidents have repeatedly stated that assassination is the only way to get rid of Banda]

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